

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Review of the)
Relay Missouri Surcharge)

File No. TO-2013-

MOTION TO REDUCE RELAY MISSOURI SURCHARGE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Motion respectfully states as follows:

1. Pursuant to §209.259 RSMo 2000, the Commission is required to review the Deaf Relay Service and Equipment Distribution Fund surcharge no less frequently than every two years, but no more frequently than annually, and to order changes in the amount of the surcharges as necessary to assure funds are available for the provisions of the programs. Section 209.257 RSMo 2000 directs the Commission to determine the appropriate percentage of surcharge revenue to be retained by the local exchange company to recover billing, collecting, remitting and administration costs attributed to the surcharge.

2. The previous review of the surcharge was conducted by the Commission in File No. TO-2009-0042. The Commission's Report and Order reduced the surcharge amount to \$.11 per month as of March 3, 2011. The Staff, in the attached Memorandum, recommends that the surcharge be reduced to \$.08 per month. The Commission also maintained the existing retention amount for local telephone companies at one percent or \$30.00, whichever is greater, of the surcharge revenue they collect, which the Staff recommends be retained unchanged.

3. The Staff recommends that the Commission address this matter in sufficient time for local exchange telecommunications companies and IVoIP providers to have at least 60 days to program their billing systems, and that the lower surcharge be effective on July 1, 2013.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits its Motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 12th day of March, 2013.

